

POLICE

5/14/09 - 5/20/09

Traffic Summons - 140

Calls for Service - 593

Incident Base Reports - 33

Reportable Criminal Arrest - 25

2009 YTD Calls for Service - 10,151

The 2009 Peace Officers' Memorial Service was held in Council Chambers at the Martinsville Municipal Building. This service was in memory of area officers who lost their lives in the performance of their duties. Names of officers killed in the line of duty are as follows: Bassett Police Dept.-George S. Frame, Fieldale Police Dept.-John J. Johnson, Henry County Sheriffs' Office-Paul E. Grubb, George M. Brown, Willis H. Ferguson, John H. Mitchell, Martinsville Police Dept.-Jonathan W. Bowling, George F. Carter, and Virginia State Police-Charles E. Morris. This program was sponsored by the Martinsville Police Department, Martinsville Sheriffs' Office, Henry County Sheriffs' Office, and Virginia State Police.

Martinsville COP Unit Officer C. A. Gravely and Sgt. Farley along with Virginia State Police H.E.A.T., Henry County Sheriff's Office COP Unit, and Martinsville Sheriff's Office held a VIN Etching Program in the Wal-Mart parking lot. The program offered residents the opportunity to have the VIN number etched into the window glass of their vehicle. This etching allows police officers to quickly identify stolen vehicles and solve criminal cases.

Every automobile has a unique serial number used by the automotive industry to identify that specific vehicle. Vehicle thefts cost consumers and insurance companies millions of dollars each year in losses. This drives up

the cost of insurance premiums and has far reaching negative social effects on our society.

COP Unit Officer Gravely gave a crime prevention presentation at Albert Harris Elementary School Boys & Girls Club After School Program. The group discussed the consequences of making positive and negative choices. This program was presented to forty five 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

Martinsville Police conducted two traffic checking details on May 18 for the Click-It or Ticket campaign. A total of forty-seven traffic arrests were made as a result of these details.

--Amber Fulcher

SENIOR CENTER

Barbara Shrader presented two programs to the Senior Center's nutrition site participants on May 6. Facts were presented concerning pneumonia and what seniors can do to avoid a trip to the emergency room.

On May 14, the Annual Senior Health Fair & Craft Show was held at Laurel Park's Lancer Hall with over three hundred seniors in attendance. Thirty-five vendors had tables set up to inform seniors of their services. In addition, twelve seniors set up craft tables to demonstrate their wares. Six different health screenings were offered to each senior in attendance. The event was sponsored by River Community Bank, Collins-McKee Stone Funeral Home, Martinsville Senior Center and Henry County Parks & Recreation.

The Annual Fall Golf Tournament was held at Beaver Hills Golf Club on May 19. Forty-five golfers participated. Almost Country entertained thirty-three seniors on May 19 at the Armory.

--Betsy Pace



FARMERS' MARKET



Enjoy these photos taken recently at the Uptown Farmers' Market.

